

**Press Release: Municipality Makes Paint Recycling Convenient  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**(MUNICIPALITY NAME HERE) MAKES PAINT RECYCLING  
CONVENIENT, OFFERS FREE SURPLUS PAINT TO RESIDENTS**

A fresh coat of paint can breathe new life into tired walls. But all too often, the partially used cans of paint, stains, varnishes and thinners left over from home decorating projects wind up in basements, garages and attics. The clutter they create can pose dangers, particularly to children and pets. How to get rid of all those containers?

That depends. Latex paint is not considered hazardous so it's okay to pop the can open, let the paint dry out and then place it in the trash. But oil-based paints, stains, varnishes and thinners generally have flammable, reactive or toxic ingredients, so they need to be treated differently and handled more carefully.

Fortunately for residents of (MUNICIPALITY NAME HERE), their community is one of more than 100 in Massachusetts now operating surplus paint collection programs. A drop-off center is conveniently located at (FACILITY NAME AND ADDRESS HERE) and operates (DAYS AND TIMES HERE).

"We want to make it as convenient as possible for residents to recycle paints, stains and thinners they no longer need," said (MUNICIPAL RECYCLING OFFICIAL NAME AND TITLE HERE). "And since many cans of paint brought to our collection center are full or nearly full and can still be used, we invite residents to take what they need for free."

Paints and stains ~~that~~ considered reusable are displayed at the collection center and may be taken at no cost by residents, (MUNICIPAL RECYCLING OFFICIALS LAST NAME HERE) said.

Items accepted at the (MUNICIPALITY NAME HERE) collection center include (LIST APPROPRIATE ITEMS FROM THE FOLLOWING: latex paint, oil-based paints, stains, varnish, thinners). Other items should be put aside until (MUNICIPALITY NAME HERE)'s next hazardous household products collection day, which will be held on (DATE, TIMES AND LOCATION HERE).

To learn more about the collection center – including instructions on how to prepare and label paints, stains and thinners for recycling – contact (MUNICIPAL RECYCLING CONTACT INFORMATION HERE) or visit [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)

###